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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9819  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 4882

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, SN, RP (ROMULO, CARLOS P.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF GENERAL ROMULO

### 1. THREE-DAY VISIT TO SINGAPORE OF FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO

HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE PRESS ATTENTION  
ALTHOUGH FROM ALL WE CAN LEARN VISIT HAS HAD VERY LITTEL SUB-  
STANCE. DURING HIS 45-MINUTE CALL ON PM, PLANS FOR PM LEE'S  
VISIT TO PHILIPPINES WERE DISCUSSED AND ROMULO, AT HIS  
DINNER FOR FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM LAST NIGHT,  
REFERRED TO AGREEMENT WITH LEE ON RETURN VISIT OF MARCOS. IN  
INFORMAL REMARKS AFTER DINNER, HE WAS FULSOME IN HIS  
PRAISE OF PM LEE AND OF SINGAPORE'S ECONOMIC MIRACLE.  
HE TALKED AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF ASEAN AS  
A MODEL OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AND WELCOMED WARM SUPPORT  
OF ASEAN BY AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN IN RECENT SPEECH IN  
MANILA.

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2. HE SAID WITH CONSIDERABLE EMOTION HOW GREATLY IMPRESSED HE HAD BEEN BY EVERYTHING HE HAD SEEN IN SINGAPORE AND THE LEADERS HE HAD MET. (ALTHOUGH WE FIND IT SURPRISING, RAJARATNAM REFERRED TO VISIT AS FOREIGN SECRETARY'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO SINGAPORE.)

3. ROMULO REMARKED TO AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD HAD A USEFUL TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND THOUGHT PHILIPPINES WOULD BE TREATED REASONABLY BY ARBAS ON OIL -- "AS WELL AS JAPAN." HE SAID HE HAD HAD A GOOD MEETING WITH KING FAISAL WHOM HE FIRST MET AT SAN FRANCISCO UN CONFERENCE IN 1945.

4. IN ADDITION TO CALL ON LEE, ROMULO MET WITH RAJARATNAM; CHAIRMAN OF JURONG TOWN CORPORATION, WOON WAH SIANG; AND HEAD OF HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD. HE SPOKE AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON, BUT NOTHING WORTH REPORTING CAME OUT OF THAT SESSION.  
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